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ICC Environment and Energy Commission Activities for 2007

The past year (2007) was extremely important for the ICC Commission on Environment and Energy. The year was extremely active for environment and energy issues as rising energy prices and supply and demand forecasts drove high concerns over energy security, availability, affordability and reliability. In addition the publication of several milestone reports (IPCC, Stern Review) highlighted the impacts and risks associated with climate change, and called for immediate action. Governments and civil society expected more input from business and there were several parallel processes (G8, UN, etc) and a multitude of initiatives (US Major Economies, UN High-Level Event on Climate Change, APEC, etc)

This need for increased policy guidance and activities was met by the ICC Commission through various forms and activities including:

- Business Action for Energy
- Business and Industry Focal Point for UNFCCC Climate Change Negotiations
- G8 Activities
- Business and Industry focal Point for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Coordinate business participation for UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- Organize several ICC Commission on Environment and Energy meetings as well as relevant task force meetings
- Prepare papers and submissions

1. The Business Action for Energy Initiative (BAE)

ICC along with various partner business organizations conclude the Business Action for Energy initiative a two-year temporary business network that facilitated energy related business input into the 14th and 15th Sessions of the United Nations Commission for Sustainable Developments (UNCSD). BAE laid key priorities for action to policy-makers, essential elements of policy development that society should be focusing attention.

2. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Negotiations

2007 saw the build-up of UNFCCC plans to begin the negotiations for a landmark comprehensive successor treaty to the Kyoto Protocol. The year end Bali Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting was tasked with developing a “Roadmap” that would guide negotiations for two years culminating in 2009. ICC facilitated business participation in several meetings leading to the year end Bali Conference. In Bali, ICC was part of a strong positive business presence throughout the two week meeting, most notably during the Bali Global Business Day held on 10 December. ICC also held three separate side events on technology, sectoral approaches and business perspectives on a long-term



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framework which brought together experts from business, governments and inter-governmental organisations and NGOs. Finally, ICC facilitated business and industry activities during the conference by hosting a daily business briefing meeting, holding two seminars on introductions to the UNFCCC Process for new participants and hosting IPCC Chair and Nobel Prize winner Dr. Pachauri in a meeting with business representatives.

3. G8 Activities

ICC delivered a statement on behalf of world business to the Heads of State and Government attending the G8 Summit in Heiligendamm focusing on energy and climate change among other global topics and issues.

4. Business and Industry focal Point for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

ICC continued to serve as the business and industry focal point for UNEP – leading a large business delegation to the UN Sustainable Consumption and Production International Experts meeting in Stockholm. In Stockholm, ICC co-hosted a business workshop where ICC members stressed several key elements that put markets at the center of the sustainable consumption and production debate, including innovation, eco-efficiency and improved market framework conditions.

5. Coordinate business participation for UN Convention on Biological Diversity

The ICC Task Force on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) organized its actions to focus attention on aspects of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) with the broadest potential for private sector impact. The ICC CBD Task Force delivered a statement on behalf of business to the UNCBD Subsidiary Bodies meeting in Paris as well as continues its development of business plans for the 9th Conference of the Parties meeting to the UN CBD in 2008.

6. ICC Commission and Task Force meetings

ICC held two Commission meetings and one meeting of the Energy Task Force in 2007. The Commission meetings were held in Paris and Monaco respectively and featured high-level participation from Lars Josefsson, CEO Vattenfall and Prince Albert of Monaco.

7. Papers and statements

The Environment and Energy Commission prepared various papers and statements last year, including:



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- Policy Statements on Long-term Framework to address Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Energy Security
- Discussion papers on Sectoral Approaches to climate change, Adaptation to Climate Change, Challenges to the Implementation of Carbon Capture and Storage, Technology, Technology Transfer and Enabling Environment, Role of Companies in Kyoto Mechanisms, Sustainable Industrial Development

ICC also contributed by publishing a op-ed article for ICC Secretary General Guy Sebban on climate change during the Bali Conference as well as several press stories detailed on the ICC web page.

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